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WASHINGTON, June 27, 1984 -- Orders for new freight cars in May totaled 1,301, compared with 672 in April and 897 in May 1983, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Cumulative orders for the first five months of 1984 totaled 7,445, compared with 2,519 at the same time a year ago.

Cars placed in service in May totaled 755, compared with 722 in April and 376 in May of last year. Cumulative deliveries so far this year came to 3,127, compared with 1,966 at this time last year.

The backlog of cars on order but undelivered as of June 1 was 5,723, compared with 5,177 on May 1, and 4,847 on June 1, 1983. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 6,318, compared with 4,308 a year earlier.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 16 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in May, compared with 39 in April and 22 in May 1983.

Through the first five months of this year, 131 locomotives have been placed in service, compared with 112 the year before.

As of June 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 229, compared with 249 on May 1, and 127 on June 1, 1983.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on June 1 totaled 25,182, compared with 25,264 on May 1 and 26,351 on June 1, 1983.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED
AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS
ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	May		April	Five Months	
	1984	1983	1984	1984	1983
Built New by Car Builders	755	376	722	3,127	1,766
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	200
Built New - Total	755	376	722	3,127	1,966
Rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	755	376	722	3,127	1,966
Locomotives	16	22	39	131	112

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	1,301	797	672	7,445	2,416
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	3
To be built New - Total	1,301	797	672	7,445	2,419
To be rebuilt	0	100	0	0	100
TOTAL ORDERED	1,301	897	672	7,445	2,519

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	June 1		May 1	Average	
	1984	1983	1984	1984	1983
To be built New by Car Builders	5,723	4,744	5,177	6,318	4,235
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	3	0	0	53
To be built New - Total	5,723	4,747	5,177	6,318	4,288
To be rebuilt	0	100	0	0	20
TOTAL ON ORDER	5,723	4,847	5,177	6,318	4,308
Locomotives	229	127	249	147	87

NOTE: Tank car orders, deliveries and backlog not available.

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